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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for capturing media during a recording session using a ~~separate~~ first input device for ~~each of plural~~ a first audio source~~s~~ and a second input device for a second audio source, the method comprising:

        producing first and second audio data with ~~each separate~~ the first and the second input device~~s, respectively~~;

        processing the first audio data to identify a first portion of the first audio data having a first audio characteristic; ~~and~~

        processing the second audio data to identify a second portion of the second audio data having a second audio characteristic; and

        storing ~~an~~ a first audio record for ~~each identified~~ the first portion of the first audio data and a second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data, wherein ~~each~~ the first and the second audio record~~s~~ ~~is~~ are associated with first and second temporal data, respectively, used in determining a sequence of the ~~identified~~ first portion of the first audio data in relation to ~~other identified portions~~ the second portion of the second audio data ~~from other separate input devices~~, and wherein ~~each~~ the first and the second audio record~~s~~ ~~is~~ are associated with first and second identity data, respectively, representing first and second identifying characteristics, respectively, for the ~~identified~~ first portion of the first audio data and the second portion of the audio data, respectively.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing the first and the second audio data with ~~each separate~~ the first and the second input device~~s, respectively,~~ includes:

        transferring ~~an~~ first and second audio signal~~s~~ from the ~~separate~~ first and the second input device~~s, respectively,~~ to a processing station to produce ~~an~~ first and second audio file~~s, respectively~~; and

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editing the <u>first and the second</u> audio fil<u>es</u> to produce <u>first and second</u> audio data <u>outputs, respectively</u>.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 2, wherein a participant who was the <u>first</u> audio source for the <u>first</u> audio file edits the <u>first</u> audio file to produce <u>the first</u> audio data.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video and text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the processing the <u>first</u> audio data to identify ~~a~~ <u>the first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data includes:
        filtering the <u>first</u> audio data.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> identify data associates visual data with the ~~identified~~ <u>first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> audio record contains audio of the ~~identified~~ <u>first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing ~~an~~ <u>the first and the second</u> audio record<u>s</u> for ~~each identified~~ <u>the first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data <u>and the second portion of the second audio data</u> includes:
        compiling <u>the first and the second</u> audio records into a browsable record.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing <u>the first</u> audio data with the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device includes:

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recording reference data and audio within a storage device, wherein the reference data is based upon a reference signal.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the reference signal is a main reference signal used in generating the reference data in ~~each of~~ the ~~separate~~ first and the second input devices to synchronize first and second audio files of first and second participants at first and second locations that are remote from one another.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing the first audio data with the ~~separate~~ the first input device includes:

editing the recorded audio within the storage device to produce the first audio data.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 11, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify ~~a~~ the first portion of the first audio data includes:

transferring the reference data and the first audio data from the ~~separate~~ first input device to a processing station.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the first audio source for the recorded audio edits the first portion of the recorded audio identified during the processing.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify ~~a~~ the first portion of the first audio data includes:

querying the reference signal of the ~~separate~~ first input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 14, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the ~~a~~ first portion of the first audio data includes:

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synchronizing the <u>first</u> audio data from the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device to a main reference signal using the ~~reference data~~ queried reference signal information from the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device.

16.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing <u>the first</u> audio data with the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device includes:

transferring the reference data and <u>the</u> recorded audio from the storage device of the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device to a processing station; and

editing the recorded audio within the processing station to produce <u>an</u> audio ~~data~~<u>output</u>.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the <u>first</u> audio source for the recorded audio edits the recorded audio.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein the processing the <u>first</u> audio data to identify ~~a~~<u>the first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data includes:

querying the reference signal of the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 18, wherein the processing the <u>first</u> audio data to identify ~~a~~<u>the first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data includes:

synchronizing the <u>first</u> audio data from the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device to a main reference signal using the ~~reference data~~ queried reference signal information from the ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing ~~an~~ <u>the first</u> audio record for ~~each~~ <u>the first</u> ~~identified~~ portion of <u>the first</u> audio data <u>and the second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data</u> includes:

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transferring <u>the first and the second</u> audio records from more than one processing

station to a central processing station; and

compiling <u>the first and the second</u> audio records into a browsable record.

21.   (Currently Amended) A system for capturing media during a recording session using

a ~~separate~~ <u>first</u> input device for ~~each of plural~~ <u>a first</u> audio source <u>and a second input device</u>

<u>for a second</u> audio source~~s~~, <u>the system</u> comprising:

means for producing <u>first and second</u> audio data with ~~each separate~~ <u>the first and the</u>

<u>second</u> input device<u>s, respectively</u>;

means for processing the <u>first</u> audio data to identify a <u>first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio

data having a first audio characteristic; ~~and~~

<u>means for processing the second audio data to identify a second portion of the second</u>

<u>audio data having a second audio characteristic; and</u>

means for storing ~~an~~ <u>a first</u> audio record for ~~each identified~~ <u>the first</u> portion of <u>the first</u>

audio data <u>and a second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data</u>, wherein

~~each~~ <u>the first and the second</u> audio record<u>s</u> ~~is~~ <u>are</u> associated with <u>first and second</u> temporal

data<u>, respectively,</u> used in determining a sequence of the ~~identified~~ <u>first</u> portion of <u>the first</u>

audio data in relation to ~~other identified~~ <u>the second</u> portion~~s~~ of <u>the second</u> audio data ~~from~~

~~other separate input devices~~, and wherein <u>the first and the second</u> ~~each~~ audio record<u>s</u> ~~is~~ <u>are</u>

associated with <u>first and second</u> identity data<u>, respectively,</u> representing <u>first and second</u>

identifying characteristics<u>, respectively,</u> for the ~~identified~~ <u>first</u> portion of <u>the first</u> audio data

<u>and the second portion of the audio data, respectively</u>.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 21,

wherein the means for producing <u>the first</u> audio data with <u>the first</u> ~~each separate~~ input device

include<u>s</u>:

a means for recording audio to a storage device within a processing station;

and

a means for editing an identified portion of the recorded audio within the storage

device of the processing station to produce <u>the first</u> audio data.

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23.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video and text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

24.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:

a means for generating visual data that is associated with the ~~identified~~ first portion of the first audio data as the first identity data.

25.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:

means for compiling audio records generated from ~~separate~~ the first and the second input devices into a browsable record.

26.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the ~~separate~~ first input device includes:

a means for recording audio.

27.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the ~~separate~~ first input device includes:

means for generating a first reference signal to produce reference data recorded with the recorded audio.

28.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first ~~each separate~~ input device includes:

a means for editing the recorded audio within the ~~separate~~ first input device to produce the first audio data.

29.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 28, wherein the first ~~separate~~ input device includes:

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a means for transferring media data to a processing station.

30.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input ~~separate~~ input device includes:

    a means for receiving identity data.

31.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first input ~~separate~~ device includes:

    means for receiving a main reference signal that is used as the reference signal.

32.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first input ~~separate~~ device includes:

    means for synchronizing the first audio data with a main reference signal to synchronize files of participants at locations remote from one another.

33.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first ~~separate~~ input device includes:

    a means for transferring recorded media to a processing station.

34.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the ~~separate~~ first input device includes:

    a means for generating visual data.

35.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first reference signal is a synchronized reference signal in that the first reference signal is synchronized with a second reference signal of ~~another~~ the second input device.

36.   (Currently Amended) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the first audio data is included as part of a file which contains video data.